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Press Release

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Classification:	Fatal Traffic Accident	Incident Date:	July 16, 2010
Author / Date / Time:	Lt. Andy Rosso / 07-16-10 / 0245 Hours	Incident Time:	12:42 am

Incident Location:	Pacific Coast Highway / Zuma View Place, Malibu
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Party #1: (Driver)	Unknown. Status: Pronounce Dead at the Scene by LA County Fire Vehicle: Saturn
Party #2: (Driver)	Male. Status: Pronounce Dead at the Scene by LA County Fire Vehicle: Ford Mustang
Party #2: (Passenger)	Male. Status: Flown by LA County Fire Helicopter to UCLA Reagan Medical Center in Critical Condition

Narrative:

On July 16, 2010 at 12:42 am, Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station received a call of a traffic collision in the 28500 block of Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu near the intersection with Zuma View Place.

A head on collision occurred in the west bound lanes of Pacific Coast Highway. Witnesses at the scene have reported seeing Party #1 driving the wrong way on Pacific Coast Highway. Party #1's vehicle caught on fire and was extinguished by LA County Fire.

Both directions of Pacific Coast Highway are shut down for the investigation of the fatal traffic collision. The closure will last for several hours.

The Malibu/Lost Hills Station is requesting that any person who witnessed the incident to please contact Traffic Investigator Barnard at (818) 878-5559.

UPDATE 1: Traffic was reopened on all lanes of Pacific Coast Highway at 8:30 AM (Friday 07-17-2010).

For Additional Information Contact:

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UPDATE 2 (Friday, July 16, 2010 1100 hours)

Two vehicles, a 1995 Saturn and a 2000 Ford Mustang, crashed into each other head on, at a high closing rate of speed. Multiple witnesses indicated that the driver of the Saturn was driving on the wrong side of the highway prior to the collision. One witness reported that the Saturn nearly struck their vehicle head on, while driving on the wrong side of the road, and estimated the Saturn's speed at 100 mph.

Witness statements and a preliminary investigation show the Saturn was driving east in westbound lanes of Pacific Coast Highway at the time of the collision with the Mustang.

Preliminary analysis by Traffic Investigators assigned to Malibu/Lost Hills Station, indicate that skid marks left by the Saturn show its speed was approximately 80-90 mph just prior to impact.

The driver of the Saturn, who died in the crash, was a male adult driver believed to be from Minnesota, who had recently moved to California.

The 23-year old driver of the Mustang was killed in the crash, while the 24-year old passenger survived and was airlifted to the UCLA Reagan Medical Center. Early indications are that the two occupants of the Mustang were members of the U.S. Navy, based out of Port Hueneme, California. The 24-year old survivor was identified as Jesus Saenz.

Names of the deceased are being withheld until the next of kin notifications are made by the coroner's office.

Due to the multiple reports of wrong way driving in both the east and westbound directions, and the high rate of speed, investigators are looking into the possibility that this incident was an intentional act by the driver of the Saturn.



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